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HYDROXYALKYLALKYLCELLULOSE ETHERS WITH HIGH
YIELD
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on 25 September 2008, the invention of **Group I, claims 1-6** (drawn to a method of preparing hydroxyalkylalkylcellulose) is elected, **with traverse**, for search purposes.

With regard to the election of species requirement, the applicants elect the benzoylcyclohexadione as defined in paragraph [0087] of the publication of this application (terfuryltrione), also **with traverse**.

Claims 1 and 3-7 encompass the subject matter represented by this election (Note: A preliminary amendment is being filed concurrently with this response to address the “use” claims previously presented. With the cancellation of claim 2, only Groups I and III remain.)